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Wayne Bank Invests \$26,000 in Richmond Police Dept. Drone Program

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[June 16th, 2026 - Richmond, Indiana] – Wayne Bank recently announced a \$26,000 investment in the Richmond Police Department’s drone initiative which is intended to significantly build the program’s sophistication and capacity. For many years local emergency services and first responders have shared limited resources as regards drone and robotic hardware. With the bank’s contribution, RPD has secured equipment which will be more readily available and adaptable to suit a variety of real-world field applications.

“This investment will empower our highly qualified team of officers to deploy effective counter measures in both apprehending criminals as well as creating positive outcomes for search and rescue missions and the like,” states Pat Tudor, RPD Detective. “The officers on our team are real people – spouses, parents, and friends. When you’re operating in potentially dangerous situations, drones and similar technologies are a huge asset that bring even more safety to our crew.”

This investment comes at a time when Wayne Bank seeks to affirm its commitment to the local community and emphasize its support for the law enforcement officials that work to keep it safe.

“Our community is indebted to the men and women who work tirelessly to make our communities strong, vibrant, and safe. An investment like this is our organization’s way of saying ‘thank you,’” states Mike Gaddis, President and CEO of Wayne Bank.

RPD has used the funding to secure two long range thermal drones, two compact multi-application drones, one quadruped robotic dog (able to push its way through small obstacles), as well as appropriate accessory equipment. The drone team – more formally named the ‘Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Team’ – intends to showcase some of the equipment at various community events in the near future.

“Our whole team thanks Wayne Bank for its contribution,” states Pat Tudor. “This equipment will modernize the drone program and go a long way in cultivating safety for our hometown.”

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